

Measure 5-290

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Notice of Measure County

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May 16, 2023 Special District Election

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Notice

Date of Notice

2.22.23

Name of County or Counties

Columbia County

Date of Election

May 16, 2023

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the county's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Four-year Local Option Levy Dedicated to Law Enforcement

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall Columbia County levy \$0.29/\$1000 assessed value for four years beginning in 2023 for enhanced law enforcement? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office has never had a voter-approved operating fund completely dedicated to law enforcement. Instead, the Sheriff's budget is subject to the budget demands and pressures of the County's general fund, which must balance funding for all County services. The Sheriff's Office is under increasing calls for service that have increased with the decriminalization of drugs such as heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine. The increase in property crimes and violent crimes severely impact the citizens of Columbia County.

This measure would create an Enhanced Law Enforcement Operating Fund to be used exclusively for increasing law enforcement presence throughout Columbia County and increasing Sheriff's Office presence within the cities. This fund would add 7 additional deputies and all necessary equipment, which would provide 24/7 law enforcement coverage in Columbia County and would reduce response times.

The approximate rate for this operating fund is \$0.29 per \$1000 of assessed value. The estimated money raised will be \$1,868,330 in 2023, \$1,953,443 in 2024, \$2,042,434 in 2025, and \$2,135,478 in 2026 for an estimated total levy of \$7,999,685.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:

→ any measure referred by the county governing body; or

→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached? ☐ Yes

☒ No

Authorized County Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:

→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the county to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and

→ I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

Signature

Date Signed

2-22-23